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EXECUTIVE ORDER 92-27

ESTABLISHING THE WILLIAMS REDEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AS THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY TO COORDINATE REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AT THE WILLIAMS BASE FACILITY

WHEREAS, the decision by the Base Closure and Realignment Commission in 1991 to close Williams Air Force Base on September 30, 1993, has inspired a unified response from the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, and the cities of Mesa, Chandler, Tempe, Gilbert, Apache Junction, and Queen Creek; and

WHEREAS, the members and staff serving the Williams Air Force Base Economic Reuse Advisory Board have worked tirelessly over the last 15 months to develop a comprehensive and visionary reuse plan for the base facility; and

WHEREAS, the Reuse Board's recommendations include strategies to maximize the potential for aviation, education, commercial and industrial utilization; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations approved by the Reuse Board represent a consensus of the East Valley cities; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet critical deadlines for the reuse plan's successful implementation, a transitional management process is needed to coordinate the transfer of the Base to local control; and

WHEREAS, the redeveloped facility at Williams will serve as an important regional asset for all the citizens of Arizona;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor and by the Constitution and Laws of this State, hereby order as follows:

- 1. The Economic Reuse Plan developed and approved by the Williams Air Force Base Economic Reuse Advisory Board is the official master plan of the State of Arizona for replacing the economic benefits of the Air Force Base which is scheduled to close on September 30, 1993.
- 2. To carry out the details of the Economic Reuse Plan, there is hereby established the Williams Redevelopment Partnership consisting of the Mayors of the cities and towns of Mesa, Chandler, Tempe, Apache Junction, Gilbert, Queen Creek (or their designees), and a representative from the Arizona Board of Regents, the Salt River Project, Maricopa County and the State of Arizona. The representative of the State shall serve in an ex-officio, non voting position.
- 3. This Partnership shall have the overall responsibility for coordination of property transfers and reuse activities, and will interface with the United States Air Force and other Federal agencies, and shall act as a single point of contact for interested parties.
- 4. The Partnership, either on its own, or in conjunction with another appropriate agency, will develop a statement of qualifications for the employment of an "executive director" to coordinate staff work activities, hire staff necessary to manage the day to day functions of the redevelopment effort, including the aviation, education, industrial and commercial planning and marketing efforts.

- The Partnership, either on its own, or in conjunction with another appropriate agency, will develop proposals to pursue and attract funding for its operations through the Office of Economic Adjustment and other agencies of the Department of Defense, the Department of Labor, the Federal Aviation Administration and any other available government or non-government source.
- 6. The Partnership must immediately commence efforts to ensure that the airspace and airport infrastructure assets associated with Williams' air activities remain operational.
- 7. Recommendations and decisions by the Partnership regarding the level of aviation activities at Williams, recruitment of industrial and commercial tenants, development of the education, research and training facility, and future management operational structures shall be developed in consultation and with the concurrence of the Governor.
- 8. This Executive Order shall take effect on September 30, 1992, and expire on September 30, 1994. The Governor may extend this executive order and the terms if necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-eighth day of September in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Sixteenth.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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